Farmers living Below Poverty Line in Manipur

2875. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers living below the poverty line in manipur;

(b) the details of the schemes formulated and implemented by Government for the welfare of farmers in the State;

(c) the details of the funds allocated by Government to the State during the last three years; and

(d) the details of the outcome of the efforts made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Planning Commission estimates percentage of persons living below the poverty line at National and State level from the large sample surveys on consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey (NSS) Organisation. The last such survey was conducted in the 55th Round of the NSS covering the period July 1999 to June 2000. On the basis of the 30-day recall tabulation in the Key Results of the 55th Round large sample survey of Household Consumer Expenditure in India carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation. The number and percentage of persons living below poverty line in 1999-2000 in Manipur are as under:

Rural		Urban		Combined	
Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
6.53 lakh	40.04	0.66 lakh	7.47	7.19 lakh	28.54

Separate estimate of poverty is not available for farmers.

(b) The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation provide Central assistance through various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as: Oilseed Production Programme; National Pulses Development Project; Accelerated Maize Development Programme;

Macro Management; Quality Control Arrangement on Seeds; Livestock Census; Training of Women in Agriculture; Training and Extension Support to North-Eastern Hill States (NEH); Watershed Development Project in shifting cultivation in North-East Region; and Agriculture Census etc.

(c) Allocation of funds by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation for Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Manipur State is as under:

Year	Allocation (Rs. lakh)
1997-98	946.05
1998-99	765.07
1999-2000	951.66
2000-2001	1090.08

(d) The Government of India is providing Central assistance for supplementing State efforts for agricultural development in Manipur under various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes/ Programmes/Projects. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is earmarking 10% of the total Plan Funds for the North Eastern Region. To achieve sustainable agricultural development in the State, efforts have been made in the areas of soil conservation, shifting cultivation and dry land farming in rainfed areas and horticulture development.

Removal of difficulties of Farmers

†2876. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to mitigate the difficulties which were faced by the farmers during last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to reduce the increased

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